The representations of the CGHS beneficiaries requesting for the issue of Penfil Insulin have been dealt with in accordance with the decision referred to above.

Emergency services in CGHS dispensary, Laxmi Bai Nagar

2143. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that emergency services at the CGHS dispensary, Laxmi Bai Nagar have been shifted;

(b) whether the emergency services were stopped and shifted some months back also;

(c) the reasons for frequent shifting of emergency services at Laxmi Bai Nagar; and

(d) by when the services are likely to be resorted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The emergency services at the CGHS, dispensary Laxmi Bai Nagar were temporarily attached to the CGHS dispensary Kidwai Nagar during the period 30.11.2004 to 11.3.2005 due to shortage of doctors and deployment of doctors for Tsunami duties, etc.

(d) The emergency services under CGHS, Delhi have been redistributed/reallocated keeping in view the attendance of patients during emergency services at the dispensaries. In this reallocation, CGHS dispensary Laxmi Bai Nagar does not figure.

In emergency, the CGHS beneficiaries can directly take treatment at the various Government Hospitals and CGHS recognised private hospitals located in different parts of Delhi.

Committee for new drug approval

2144. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee had been constituted for new drug approval in 2001; and

(b) what are the recommendations of the Committee and what is its term?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Standing Committee of experts was constituted on 17.1.01 for Investigational New Drugs.

(b)The Committee examines Investigational New Drugs indigenously discovered in the country and grants permission to conduct various stages of clinical trials before its approval for manufacture and market. The Committee is a Standing Committee however core members are nominated for two years. Core members are eligible for renomination.

The constitution and terms and conditions of the Committee was issued *vide* this Ministry's order No. X-11035/4/2001-DMS&PFA dated 17.01.2001.

Lack of research grants to AIIMS

2145. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's premier medical health centre AIIMS has failed to emphasize on medical research due to lack of funds and infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to enhance the research grants from the budget allocation and for providing necessary infrastructure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) It is not correct to state that All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has failed to emphasis medical research due to lack of funds and infrastructure. AIIMS is a premier Institute set up under an Act of Parliament. The Institute has been engaged in research on topics of national importance since its inception. The research projects are funded by various Governmental, International and bilateral agencies and these researches are published in national and international journals, which